

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for forming three dimensional shaped products from particulate sphagnum moss material including: (a) carrying the particulate moss material to a press forming stage on a conveyor including a belt formed of a flexible and resiliently deformable material arranged moved in steps, the press forming stage including a cavity die member positioned beneath the belt of the conveyor and including a shaped die cavity and a co-operating die member positioned above the belt of the conveyor; (b) pressing the section of the belt of the conveyor between the die members and the particulate material thereon into the cavity die member to form a shaped product; and (c) causing the conveyor to step onto deliver fresh particulate material between the die members after each operation of the press forming stage.